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GUIDED MISSILE AND ASTRONAUTICS INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

27 August 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of National Estimates

SUBJECT : GMAIC Recommendations (U)

Subsequent to the joint USIB-Hyland Panel meeting, GMAIC met to determine if any of the views expressed in extracts of the drafts of NIE 11-5-59 already forwarded should or could be modified. The current GMAIC estimate follows. We believe the modifications in general are in keeping with the Hyland Panel report. It is noted that the Air Force member considers no changes should be made by GMAIC, but that the Hyland report should now be considered at the higher level with the papers already forwarded and therefore reserves on the following:

a. IOC - The majority estimates "the IOC will probably occur in the first half of 1960, with a possibility of it occurring in the latter part of 1959." The CIA member, based on the Hyland Panel report, believes the wording relative to the IOC should be as follows: "As of August 1959, a Soviet IOC with a very few (10) operational ICBMs is at least imminent."

b. CEP - Change the IOC CEP to read: "No worse than 5 n.m.". The majority of GMAIC believes that including the words, as does the Panel report: "and may very well be better", would improperly encourage the use of different CEPs by different agencies making computations, studies, etc. The CIA member believes a lower

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limit of the CEP should be expressed if at all possible and recommends that agencies with technical competence re-examine this possibility.

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The CIA member is willing to accept the wording of the Hyland Panel report.

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